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APPLICANT(S): Oppermann et al.
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 TITLE: OSTEOGENIC PROTEINS

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APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(b)

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Applicants, with the consent of the assignee of record, Stryker Corporation (by virtue of the Assignment recorded September 3, 1991, reel 5863, frames 0091-0094) hereby petition that the above-referenced application, for which an issue fee was paid on September 1, 1992, be withdrawn from issue pursuant to the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(5) to permit consideration of the enclosed reference, which is being submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) in a

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file wrapper continuation of the above-referenced application. The above-referenced application will to be abandoned in favor of the file wrapper continuation. A Petition and check for \$130.00 is enclosed as payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i). Kindly charge any deficiency in the fee payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0531. A copy of the Petition is enclosed for this purpose.

In the event the above-referenced application already has been accorded a patent number and issue date, Applicants hereby also request that the Commissioner waive the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b) and grant the Petition to Withdraw.

Applicants have good and sufficient reason for requesting withdrawal of the application from issue for the following reasons. Prior to the grant of a patent for the instant application, Applicants wish to bring to the Patent Office's attention, and have the Patent Office consider, U.S. Patent No. 5,013,649 (the "'649" patent), issued to Wang et al. on May 7, 1991, which is available as a 102(e) reference against this application as of April 8, 1988, and which may be pertinent to patentability of the instant application. Applicants inadvertently neglected to submit this patent to the Patent Office during prosecution of the instant application. The failure was an inadvertent oversight that did not occur with deceptive intent. Moreover, until now, Applicants did not fully appreciate that the '649 patent contained material beyond that disclosed in WO88/00205, and in Wozney et al. (1988) Science 242: 1528-1534, both already of record in the Patent Office.

Accordingly, together with this Petition, Applicants are filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. 1.62, filed with the U.S. Patent Office via the Express Mail procedure, as well as a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement

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citing the '649 patent, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97. Details of the disclosure of the '649 patent and how the claims of the instant application are patentably distinct therefrom are described in the Information Disclosure Statement.

The Information Disclosure Statement also makes of record U.S. Patent No. 5,166,058, filed July 11, 1989 and issued to Wang et al. on November 24, 1992. While the '058 patent is not prior art to the instant application, Applicants bring it to the Examiner's attention in an effort to provide complete disclosure.

Applicants respectfully request that their petition be granted forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 22, 1992


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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 CFR 1.313)

PETITION

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PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case

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 (c) ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.
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 (e) ☒ other. To permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in a continuing application as further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal requests are set forth on the attached 3 sheet(s). provided under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(5).

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